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Owing to the numerous properties in the Windermere district now being developed under the leasing system the impended story of the richest silver ine in the world will be read with pecial interest and it is to be hoped that ome of the men here, who are displaying such commendable enterprise, may e as fortunate as Senator Kearns:

When I was in Park City, Utah, the other day a gentleman said to me: "You surely ought to go through the Silver King. It is the richest silver mine in the world."

"The richest in the world?" I retorted.

"Yes, sir. Last year they took out over 50,000 tons of rich ore! The mine paid in dividends last December $10,000 a day. She is stocked for 250,000 shares, which cannot be bought at all. It pays big interest at the rate of $80 a share. The King is a dry mine. It is a mistake for you to go through."

In company with a friend I started in a carriage up the steep, dusty, two-mile road which led to the mine. We had not gone far when we overtook two old miners going to work.

"Jump in, boys, and ride up," said our driver.

"Shure," said one of them in a rich Irish brogue.

I was not wrong in judging that from these two old-timers I could get the best possible information about this famous mine, so I led them into talking.

"The King is an old mine, is it not?" I asked.

"No," said the miner whom his Irish friend called Pete. "She was struck in the nineties. She's just beginning to show what she is."

"And a good stroke it was," said Pat.

"Who first discovered the mine?" I asked.

"Well, it was kinder like this," began Pete. "They was a claim up here they called the Mayflower. Tom Kearns who was working in the Ontario for his little three and a half a day, and Dave Keith, who was running the big pump in the Ontario went in cahoots. Dave came here back in '83 from Nevada. He used to work in the old Comstock in Virginia City. It want many a man could work the pump in the Ontario; it pumped 10,000 gallons a minute. So Dave gets $6 a day. He goes in with Tom Kearns."

"And ye mustn't forgit the little white horse—it was 'Walsel' they called the bronte—that Tom used to roide over the hills when he wint around picking up old hammers and dhrills," spoke up Pat.

"No, bet your life," said Pete. "They needed all they could get them days."

"Well, sir," went on Pete. "Kearns and Keith took a lease on the old Mayflower claim. They was to give 10 cents a ton royalty to the owner for every ton of ore they got out. Nobody else could do nothing with the Mayflower, but before long Tom, who was a big husky chap, works along with his partners, and in a jiffy they salted down $225,000 in the bank. Long came the Northland Company that was digging the other side of the hill the Mayflower was on and ran an injunction against Kearns and Keith. But Tom said, 'Ter—with the injunction.' He put up a bond and him and his men kept digging away.

"Tom was pretty cute. While his lawyers was chewin' the rag he thinks may be he'd lose the case. So while he was under the ground he scrambles around to see if he could find something doin'. He shot off a tunnel and run it clean off the Mayflower claim. But he keeps mum about this—him and his trusties. He won out in his suit all right, and bought six new claims. On one of these he sunk a shaft right down and struck the tunnel he had made on the quiet. Right here was the richest silver ore in the world, and that's how he got hold of the King."

"Well, he must be a pretty smart fellow," said I.

"They's lots of us the'd call smairt if we was only loocky," said Pat.

"But they's others besides Tom Kearns and Dave Keith that was in on the ground floor of the silver King," went on the miner. "You see, Tom he didn't have nothing to go on with except Dave's wages; so when they commenced to show good and want money they goes to Jimmy Ivers, who was working in the Daly blacksmith shop, and he puts up $2,500. John Judge, foreman then in the Daly; Al Emery, bookkeeper for the Anchor, and Bill Dodge that run a saloon, chipped in too."

"And they're all richa' in chaises now," said Pat.

"Yes," said Pete, taking up the thread. "Jimmy Ivers, for his $2,500 that he put in in '94, is worth over a million."

"Shure," said Pat. "And he laida chick for $50,000 on his daarters widdin' breakfast plate when she got married last year to Moiler Finlan's b'y."

"And John Judge," continued the miner, not interrupted by the remark "left his widow a big fortune."

"And a foine lady she is," said Pat. "She's building tor the b'ys that slung picks and made her rich a nice home in Salt Lake when they get ould."

"Emery," went on Pat's friend, "made a good stake, too, but Dodge kinder got into a quarrel and McCormick, the big banker down in Salt Lake, put up a couple of hun'red thousand and scooped in his share.

Thomas Kerns, who is now the junior senator from Utah and the next youngest man in the senate, is one of the interesting figures in the mining world Now he is only forty-two years of age Born in Canada, he came when a youth to Nebraska, where he rode bronchos on a cattle range. In '83, going west, he came to Utah. He was making his way to Park City which in those days was a flush mining camp, when a peddler who had trade among the miners picked him up and carried him in on his wagon. In order to get Kearns a job he introduced him as a brother, and for two or three years the miners kept on calling Kearns "Tommie Williams." This has been more than twenty years ago. Kearns now has in Salt Lake City a marble palace, one of the finest homes in America. Scarcely more than a dozen years ago he lunked with other miners in a little one-room shack, "batching it," as the miners say, and frying his own bacon.

"Tom aint got much education," said one of the miners to me, "but he gets there just the same. When he wants to get an appropriation he just walks right up to them senators down in Washington and says: 'Look here, let us just cut out this red tape and put this thing through,' and he gets what he wants. Tom is a good man for Utah. He entertained the President when he was out here on his trip. He told us up in the mines that he wanted a bunch to come down to Salt Lake for the parade. He run down a special train at his own expense and give us a good time."

Matters Political

Returning Officer John Boultbee has fixed Tuesday, November 1st, for nomination day in Kootenay electoral district and Tuesday Nov. 22nd, as polling day.

Not many moons ago the Conservative newspapers were saying that the Liberal Government had sailed their platform and that accounted for the prosperity of the Dominion. To look at these same papers today one would not think they ever were guilty of such observations.

The story is told of a man in a Kootenay crowd who declared he could tell a Liberal or a Conservative by looking at him. He picked out a Liberal and was asked to show a Conservative. He hesitated, but walked up to a man, and said, "You are a Conservative." "You're a liar," instantly retorted the man, "I've been sick; that's what makes me look like this."—Kaslo Kootenaian.

Partizan newspapers are now slinging mud at each other in true old-fashion style and it is really strange that in these days of enlightenment that more of these papers cannot see that their readers only laugh up their sleeve at the idea of "the other side" being all fools and rascals. The Nelson Tribune, a staunch Conservative paper, in a recent issue makes some remarks along these lines, which, if it lives up to, will make it one of the most respected papers in the province, and it may be worthy of note now that the Tribune's foreshadow of the last provincial election proved more nearly correct than any other paper. Here is the attitude that paper proposes to assume in the Dominion election: "From now on until election day the Tribune will make an effort to report the political situation fairly. With respect to Kootenay district, it will give the news of the campaign with all impartiality. One candidate is a resident of Nelson. Both have good qualities and neither lays claims to be perfect. The Tribune keeps standing at the head of its editorial column the candidates it supports, not because of any liking for them personal y as against their Liberal opponents, but because they stand for issues with which the Tribune is in sympathy.

The socialist party in Kootenay will shortly call a meeting in Nelson to nominate a candidate for the dominion elections. The matter has been left in the hands of the city socialists who will name the candidate. At present no definite statement can be obtained as to the calling of the meeting. Those appealed to merely saying that a meeting would be called shortly.

The name most prominently mentioned as a likely candidate is that of James Baker, of Slocan, who at present is a guest at the Grand Central hotel here. Mr. Baker was seen but said he knew nothing of his possible candidature. A meeting would be called shortly, he said, for the purpose of nominating some one, but he declined to discuss the matter further at this stage.

Mr. Baker is a prominent member of the Western Federation of miners, being the Canadian representative on the executive of the Federation.—Nelson News.

Big Irrigation Scheme

C.P.R. Considering Construction of Big Ditch Back of Wilmer

The Outcrop has obtained information from a reliable source to the effect that the land department of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has now under consideration a scheme of considerable magnitude for irrigating their land in this valley. It will be remembered that a year ago a party of surveyors surveyed all the land belonging to the C.P.R. here. Since then maps have been issued of the land surveyed and it was a surprise to The Outcrop to see how accurate these maps are. Every hill and valley is plainly marked and one can tell at a glance what land can or cannot be easily irrigated, although this survey was not made with a view to ascertaining the possibilities of irrigating here and before anything definate is decided upon another survey will be necessary.

We are informed that the first part of the proposed scheme will be to irrigate the land on the benches back of Wilmer, running west to the Selkirk mountains, and between Toby and Horse Thief creeks. By the survey made a year ago it was learned that this area contains over 100,000 acres of land and it is estimated that about 35,000 acres of this land can be irrigated by the construction of an irrigation ditch that could be built for a sum of money that would be well in keeping with the benefits to be derived therefrom.

Mr. Pearce, who is connected with the C. P. R. irrigation department and to whose efforts the big irrigation works now under construction at Calgary are mainly due, spent several days here a few weeks ago and told The Outcrop then he thought that this scheme might be feasible and that if a survey proved it so he believed the soil and climate would justify the cost of the ditch. Since his visit it appears the C.P.R. is giving the matter serious attention and it is expected that next spring the possibilities of the scheme will be thoroughly investigated.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Banker McCleneghan Speaks Encouraging of the District and The Outcrop

A. B. McCleneghan, manager of the Imperial Bank, and Gold Commissioner J. E. Griffith arrived in Windermere from Golden Saturday evening. They visited Mr. Forster at Firlande on Sunday and Monday went to Canal Flat and will visit various other points before returning home the end of this week. In conversation with The Outcrop, while in Wilmer Sunday evening, Mr. McCleneghan said he thought the prospects for this district were very bright and said: "You will be more prosperous up here this winter than we will be down at Golden. You will have the benefits of the lumber camps that in former years were operated from Golden, and the benefits from them to a town is much more than many people my think. But now that it is certain that the railway will be built there can no longer be any doubt as to the future prosperity of this country.

"How long have you been publishing The Outcrop, Mr. Evans?" asked Mr. McCleneghan.

"Four years last June," was the reply

"You deserve credit," continued Mr. McCleneghan, "You certainly do your best with the material at hand, and deserve to succeed, and my advice is to stay with it and you will come out all right. I read every line in your paper every week and know you are doing your best for the country and your paper."

Although the editor told Mr. McCleneghan that he sometimes was very tired himself of doing his "best" and at various times had thought of looking for a job at the "case" where more money could be got, Mr. McCleneghan urged that The Outcrop be continued. And now that we have got a much of our "family troubles" into type we may add that we have concluded to accept our friend and banker's advice (although we have never deposited many million with him, yet hope to) and will stay with this paper until the sheriff or prosperity interferes.

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It is reported on good authority, that the Kootney Valley Land Co., a London company, which some years ago acquired the extensive holdings of Mr. Grahman in East Kootenay, have, in conjunction with the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., successfully financed the construction of the Kootenay Central Railway, which will run from Golden to Fort Steele, and thence to a junction with the Crow's Nest Railway near Elko. This will be good news to the owners of mineral claims alone the Columbia and Kootenay valleys, and will give a fillip to development in the Fort Steele and Windermere districts. The Estella and the Paradise mines are ready to ship considerable quantities of ore, and many promising prospects in the neighborhood of Wasa, and on Toby creek will have inducement for developing.

The construction of the Kootenay Central Railway will demonstrate the necessity and possibility of the building of the Kootenay Carlboo and Pacific railway from Golden to the far north, which will be an extension of the Kootenay Central Railway. Great has been the development, of Southeast Kootenay since the construction of the Crow's Nest branch; and this development, mineral and agricultural, is the principal cause which has made necessary the immediate building of the north and south railway through the Kootenay and Columbia valleys. All the present centers of population in these valleys will be connected by rail, telegraph and telephone lines with the outside world and and the connecting of the two principal transcontinental lines; the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern, will give alternate and competing routes for commercial business.—Fort Steele Prospector.

Jas. Beech, camp foreman of the Columbia River Lumber Co., arrived at Athalmer last week with several loads horse teams and about 20 men, where a supply store has been opened in the old Lake View hotel. A camp has been started near Goblin creek and it is said will be increased to 60 men.

GOLDEN NUGGETS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Golden, B.C., Oct. 15.—

Born—At Golden, Oct. 15th, the wife of Dr. J. N. Taylor of a daughter.

J. W. Thickens returned this afternoon from his trip to the Challenge group of claims, having had a hard trip.

A couple of Japs were up before H. R. Moodie, J. P., Friday afternoon for assaulting an Italian. One Jap being fined $5 and costs.

J. E. Griffith, S.M., and his son Bud left on Thursday morning for the Upper Country and will be absent about ten days.

C. H. McIntosh, the Conservative candidate, spent a few days in town recently, leaving for the west on Monday. Mr. McIntosh intends returning to Golden before long.

The semi-annual meeting of the Curling Club, held in the Columbia House on Thursday evening was largely attended. Skips for the coming season were chosen and several matters were discussed by the committee in connection with winter's plans.

C. Grant, who has the K. C. R. surveying party in charge, returned to town this week having completed the survey of the line 80 miles south. Work has started for the location of the railway line.

Miss Pearl McNeil of Victoria arrived in Golden this week and leaves tomorrow (Sunday) for Sinclair to spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. Brehoe.

A. B. McCleneghan, manager of the Imperial Bank here, left on a trip to Wilmer and other towns in the district south on Friday.

Mrs. Moffatt of Toronto arrived in town today and will spend the winter here visiting her son, R. Moffatt.

Jas. Henderson has secured a contract from the C. P. R. for the erection of freight sheds in Golden and will commence work on same immediately.

OFFICAL MINING BULLETIN

The Bureau of Provincial Information has just issued offical Bulletin No. 19, entitled "Mining in B. C.", a copy of which has reach this office and proves the last publication of the kind so for issued by the Bureau on the subject. The matter contained in this bulletin has been revised by E. Jacobs, the most competent writer on provincial mining matters in British Columbia, and so far as possible he has given facts and figures fairly up to date. A note at the conclusion of the report is worth reproducing. It reads:

There is one incontrovertible fact to encourage those who believe that the mining industry of the province will yet abundantly justify the confidence that many have placed in it, namely, that in ten years the total value of the annual mineral production has increased more than four-fold. The value of minerals produced in the province in 1894 was $1,225,717; in 1903 it was $17,405,954 while there is good reason to believe that the total value for 1904 will exceed $20,000,000. That the production will continue to increase, and that, too, in accelerating degree, there is no good reason to doubt. The mining industry is certainly on a more substantial basis and generally in a sounder condition than ever before in the province, and that being so, there is ample warrant for a favorable view of its future and for commending it to the careful consideration of all disposed to put money into it.

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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, OCT. 20, 1904.

"I read a good article in The Outcrop a week or two ago advising partners in mineral claims to always be ready to make a sale, and I think the advice timely. In fact I have taken it to heart myself and intend to profit by it," remarked a prominent business man of this district. Another man says it is really ridiculous, when one stops to think of it, that mineral claim owners are never ready to make a sale and yet that is their fondest hope from one end of the year to the other. That is quite true. Claim owners are anxious to sell, yet when an opportunity arises the vast majority are not in shape to do business.

Here is an example of how a mining broker often finds the claim owner when he sees a chance to do business:

"Good morning, Jack. How much do you want for those 'wild-cats' of yours up the creek? I have a new company on the string that wants to invest in this camp. Come, now, give me your best figures and terms."

Jack smiles all over and says:

"That's good. I guess you could get that group for about thirty or forty thousand dollars. And, say, if you ever get an expert on to that property he'll want it sure. There's a fine showing and you know we've done a lot of work up there since we staked it five years ago. But I'll tell you how it is about a deal. I know my partners will sell all right, but I'll have to hear from them first."

"Well, how soon can you let me know?"

"Oh, it won't take long. Bill is over in West Kootenay working in some mine, but I can soon find him. Tom has gone back east to see the old folks, but like as not the postmaster knows where he is. Harry, well, last letter I had from him he was in California and said he was going to prospect in Arazona for awhile. I guess I'll have to get a rustle on and find out what the boys will do."

Now that is a real nice combination for the broker to to business with, and yet plenty of such instances can be found. Once more we would urge partners to sign agreements giving each one power to act for the others.

Sometime ago Mr. S. S. Fowler, M.E., in a general conversation with The Outcrop on mining remarked that in his experience of many years he had never yet made a report on a property for prospectors who desired to sell a group of claims. He had invariably been employed by people who wanted to purchase. He said he was not particularly anxious to report on properties for locators, for the reason that no matter who employed him he would only give what he considered an honest report and he was aware that if his report did not happen to be favorable the locator was quite apt to think he was unfair. But the point he wanted to make was that he thought the owners of mineral properties should supply any company they expect to sell to with a report from an uninterested and experienced mining engineer.

There is a great deal of good embodied in this suggestion of Mr. Fowler's that is worthy the consideration of mineral claim owners. Of course, it will be argued that very few owners are financially able to bear the cost of obtaining such a report, and this is quite true. Yet it is worthy of consideration by all. The cost of bringing in an engineer to report on a single property is certainly heavy, but if the owners of a number of properties were to unite and employ an engineer the cost individually might be greatly reduced and be brought within the means of all. The advantages to be gained in having a report by a competent engineer are so evident that it is scarcely necessary to numerate them here. The difficulty in getting any company to examine a property is well-known, and as many of them now require, before they make an examination, that several hundred dollars be deposited in a bank as a forfeit that a property is as represented, such a report would be of great value. Then again look at how many years a property, with undoubted mineral showings, may be held when such a report as suggest might bring a purchaser, while in the mean time the owners pay taxes and fees to an amount that would exceed the cost of a report. The suggestion is worthy of consideration and, we believe, that the first one to try it will be benefitted. Even should the report be unfavorable then the owners will be saved further useless expense or they will learn how the property should be developed to advantage.

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A Clever Fish.

The salmon seems to be gifted with much intelligence, or "hereditary foresight," as it is occasionally called, which is more particularly acute when danger signals are abroad, says William G. Harris in Field and Stream. They have been known, when congregated in the upper pools, to become frightened by poachers approaching them with net or spear and to immediately dash down stream to a distance of thirty miles in one night, not stopping until they had reached pools so deep that they could not be taken with the appliances of the poacher. They seemed to know that if they went higher up the stream their doom was sealed.

When coming from the sea in schools and on entering the estuary they have been seen with an old leader at the head of the school, the rest forming a triangle about two and a half feet below the surface of the water, and on calm days, guided by the old patriarch, they would swim around the fishermen's nets, never approaching them nearer than ten or twelve yards.

Standing an Egg on End.

Any fresh egg can, without being boiled, be balanced on either end by any one possessing patience and a steady hand.

In order to save time the egg should be placed for a short time on the end upon which it is desired to balance it, so as to allow the yolk to settle; then both forearms of the person making the experiment should be rested on the edge of the table and the egg should be taken between the three fingers and thumbs of both hands and slowly turned around until the center of gravity is found. This experiment may at first require a little time, but after a little practice it will be found very easy to do. It would be well to try it first on the tablecloth and then on the bottom of a plate.

It is conceded, of course, that the present century is far more advanced than that of Columbus, so it is only to be expected that different ideas should have been formed, even as to the balancing of eggs.

A Defense of Dancing.

It is not necessary in these days to defend the claim of the dance to a place among the arts. As soon as we have got rid of the Puritan prejudice on the point (and one may hope that this no longer exists for the intelligent part of the population) the claim is too overwhelming to need apology, for if we take art to mean the production of beauty then the case only needs stating to be conceded, while if we understand it as self expression in some concrete form we shall find that the dance, which is a kind of fusion of music, painting and sculpture, is pre-eminently capable of giving expression beyond the possibility of words to the basic, and therefore largely inarticulate, parts of our nature—the hunger of the spirit and the joy of life.—London Outlook.

Genesis of Life Insurance.

Life insurance originated in 1706 in London. In that year there was founded the first life insurance company. It was called the Amicable Society For a Perpetual Assurance Office. It was a mutual benefit concern.

Each member, without reference to age, paid a fixed admission fee and a fixed annual charge per share on from one to three shares, and at the end of the year a portion of the fund accumulated was divided among the heirs of those who had died, in accordance with the number of shares each dead person had held. Out of this company, with its crude and imperfect methods, life insurance as it exists today has grown.

Swinging Round the Circle.

In the journey of life we often travel in circles. Therefore do today the good that is in you. Plant your blossoms. You will come back to them by and by. It is the beauty of the things that you do today that has most to do with making beautiful your tomorrow. One of the blessings of the sunset is in reaping the memories of what was planted in the morning.

The First Corset.

The first corset—not counting ancient modifications of the Grecian zone and girdle—was introduced into France by Catherine de' Medici. It was a strange affair and fashioned after the style of a knight's cuirass. The framework was entirely of iron, and the velvet, which decorated the exterior only, served to hide a frightful and cumbersome article of torture.

Good Scheme.

Hicks—You keep duplicates of all your old love letters? What an idea! Wicks—Yes; when I have done something particularly foolish I just read over one of those letters. It is quite encouraging to know that I'm not nearly so much of a fool as I used to be.

The Literal Truth.

Dunns—What do you mean by sending me word that you were not in? Debts—I didn't. I sent you word that I was out. Dunns—Well, and what did you mean by that? Debts—Exactly what I said. I am out of cash.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Amplifying Him.

First Guest (at banquet)—Is this diamond backed terrapin? Second Guest—That's what the caterer calls it. First Guest (tasting it)—Well, he's a prevaricator.

Sentence Suspended.

"Her voice was tried by a famous singing master."

"Was it found guilty?"

Getting in debt is like sliding down a greased pole; getting out is like climbing the same pole.—Augusta (Ga.) Herald.

A VALUABLE PAPER.

Legislative Proceedings of the First Session of Upper Canada.

In a recent report to the Legislature, Mr. Pardee, the Legislative Librarian, stated that he believed copies of parts at least of the missing journals of the early years of the Upper Canada Assembly and Council might be found among the papers of some of the older families. The suggestion has produced excellent fruit. The other day Mr. Christopher Robinson, K.C., delivered to the Librarian a manuscript of the first session of the first Parliament in Upper Canada in 1792, in the handwriting of Angus McDonell, Clerk of the House. The manuscript was accompanied by a letter from Hon. Alex. McDonell, ex-Speaker of the Legislature, to Chief Justice Powell, dated in 1821, committing the document to the care of the Chief Justice and showing by its terms that even at the early date the absence of printed records was already beginning to be felt. Hon. A. McDonell was Speaker from 1805 to 1812, and C. J. Powell held his office from 1816 to 1825. This manuscript seems to have passed with his papers to his successor, Mr. Campbell, and from the latter to the next incumbent of this office, Hon. John Beverley Robinson, afterwards Sir J. B. Robinson, Bart., father of Christopher Robinson, K.C., the donor.

The document is a most interesting and valuable one. Mr. Pardee says that from a rapid inspection he is convinced that the M.S.S. is fully entitled to be called the original journal, so far as there was (or is) anything that can be called the original journal. Except this MSS. there is no other record of the proceedings of the House save the copy which had to be sent to the Colonial Office in London, and has heretofore been supposed to be the only record extant. A hasty comparison of the two gives reasonable grounds for believing that the Colonial Office copy was copied from Mr. McDonell's MSS., as the former is somewhat condensed here and there.

It is known from some entries in the accounts that a short time after 1792 the House began printing its journals from day to day, much in the same way as is done at present and a few of the daily numbers have come down, but previous to 1825-26 there was no yearly volume, and even the Colonial Office copy of the MSS. for some years has disappeared. It is supposed that the vessels carrying them were captured by French or American cruisers.

Mr. Christopher Robinson also presented to the library the following interesting papers:

A table of precedence in Upper Canada, taken from a rough copy, corrected by Hon. John Elmsley, Chief Justice, in 1797.

A statement showing expense of administration of justice for 1820, the original document as laid before the House.

A British-Canadian Extra of 7th August, 1815, being a map of Canada West, showing the route of the proposed railway from Toronto to Sarnia.

Following is the letter from Alex. McDonell referred to above.

"York, March 21, 1821.

"My dear sir: You will probably smile at my transmitting to you the accompanying document. The only importance, if any, that can attach to it is that it is the first journal of the first Parliament of Upper Canada, of which neither the original nor any other copy is now in existence. The whole is in the handwriting of my deceased brother, Angus. Some years since the perusal of it cannot fail of being interesting, and to your charge I feel a gratification in committing it—more as to the clerk and chaplain. Believe me, my dear sir, ever yours, with great respect and affection.

"Alex. McDonell.

"The Hon. the Chief Justice."

Late for the Party.

Mr. Harry Gummer, well known among the newspaper fraternity of Canada as proprietor of The Guelph Herald and all-round good fellow, held a card party the other evening at his residence, Waterloo avenue, Guelph. Among the guests was a well-known Brantford physician—Dr. Blank, for convenience.

The evening was a merry one, and the hours slipped by quickly, says The Toronto Star. The train that Dr. Blank was to arrive on was due in Guelph at 5.50, and when 8.30 came, and the resident from the Telephone City did not arrive, it was feared he had missed the train or been delayed by the storm.

Two-thirty found Mr. Gummer turning down the gas and preparing to retire, and "When the lights had fled, the garlands dead, and all but he departed," there was a loud ringing of the door-bell.

Mr. Gummer put his head out the window above.

"Hello!"

"Hello, yourself!"

"Well."

"It's me."

"Who's me?"

"Dr. Blank."

In a moment the door was open and Dr. Blank was inside. It took him nearly 24 hours to thaw out as he had left the train five miles out of Guelph and walked in over the snow-drifts.

Wide Range of the Moose.

The range of the moose in North America is of enormous extent, from Nova Scotia in the extreme east, throughout Canada and certain of the northern United States to the limits of tree growth in the west and north of Alaska. Throughout this vast extent of territory but two species are recognized—the common moose, Alces americanus, and the Alaskan moose, Alces gigas, of the Kenai peninsula—but it is probable that further exploration will bring to light another species near the head waters of the Laird River and the Nassian Mountains of British Columbia and still another further north in the neighborhood of the Porcupine river.—Field and Stream.

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Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District.

Commencing at a post marked "J. M. Gunn's North East corner post" and planted about one quarter of a mile north of the north bank of the Jumbo Fork of Toby creek and about 101 chains above the Forks; thence south 40 chains; thence westerly following the course of the stream 160 chains, thence northerly 40 chains; thence easterly 160 chains to the place of commencement; containing 640 acres.

Dated 20th day of June, 1904.

J. M. GUNN.

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Commencing at a post marked "G. Hamilton's North East corner post" and planted north of Dutch creek, outside the western boundary of Block 636; thence south 40 chains; thence westerly parallel to the course of the stream 160 chains, thence north 40 chains; thence easterly parallel to the course of the stream 160 chains to the place of commencement; containing 640 acres.

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DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Miss Lambert, who left here last fall for Sarnia, Ont., is now in Rapid City, Man., and is expected here shortly.

Miss Dunne arrived in Wilmer on Moday's stage from Revelstoke and will visit her sister, Mrs. E. J. Scovil, for sometime.

Harry Munson has a great mushroom patch in his Wilmer garden and his friends have been treated liberally. Recently he has supplied The Outcrop Palace with two great feasts of these delicious edibles.

The steamer Ptarmigan arrived at Wilmer yesterday morning with the boat and scow heavily loaded with freight and a number of men for the lumber camps. Most of the freight was for here and the balance has been taken on to Athalmer and Windermere. The boat is expected to start back to Golden today loaded with Tecumseh and Delphine ore. She had a very hard trip owing to the low water but expects to make at least two more trips.

The Outcrop has received a letter from John Jeffery enclosing dues for his annual assessment to this paper, which he has never neglect since it started. He is now at his old home in Spence, Ont., and in writing says he hopes "things will pan out first class for you, the country and all the boys out there." Mr. Jeffery was one of the men who cut he location stakes for the Paradise mine here and realizing a good sum of money left here in 1900 to settle at his old eastern home.

Last Thursday H. L. Amme, F. Lang, J. Cottel and R. Winfield arrived in Wilmer from McMurdo creek, where with D. Kimpton and R. McKeeman they have been running a tunnel for the Beaver Canyon Mining Co. The tunnel is now in over 700 feet and according to Manager Gardner's statement, over a year ago when the tunnel was started, the ledge should be tapped within the next 200 feet, but this work cannot now be continued until next spring. D. P. Kimpton has gone to Revelstoke and R. McKeeman arrived in Wilmer Saturday.

Tuesday evening an impromptu dance was given in the Wilmer Conservative hall for the purpose of saying farewell to Mr. H. L. Amme, who has contributed so liberally to all social functions with his presence, assistance and the use of his hall. An enjoyable evening was spent and the oportunity was taken advantage of to present Mr. Amme with a handsome pipe as a small token of the esteem in which he was held by his many friends. He leaves today accompanied by Mr. F. Cottel to spend the winter in Arizona, and their friends wish them a good time and safe return next spring.

Ranchers and gardners in this valley are already beginning to regret that they did not plant more potatoes for this season. A year ago there was an over-production of potatoes and even at 75 cents per 100-pound they could not be sold, which was the lowest price ever heard of here. As a result this year nearly every person curtailed in planting and now it is evident that there will be a shortage before spring. Already it is difficult to buy potatoes at one cent per pound and the demand is increasing. Several tons have been shipped to Golden and the lumber camps and mines are buying in large quantities.

Next Sunday the new Presbyterian church in Wilmer will be duly opened with imposing ceremonies. Posters have been printed and posted announcing that the Rev. Mr. Fraser will be assisted at the opening by Rev. J. C. Herdman, B. D., superintendent of Missions in British Columbia and the Northwest, who will come from Calgary for that purpose. Special singing has been prepared for the occasion and a special collection will be taken on behalf of the building fund. Dr. Herdman will preach at Windermere at 5 p.m., Athalmer at 3 p.m. and Wilmer at 7:30 p.m.

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	21	28	30	5	6	7m
Morigeau, Martin	16			2		17
Rehder, Geo.	19					
Green, A.	20			18		13
Evans, Geo.	20					
Yates, A. R.	20			18		24
Morigeau, Ed.	17					
Chamberlain, Geo.	16			17		
Morgan, J. L.	10			12	9	
Bell, E.	11			22	12	
Starke, G. A.	17			14		
Courtenay, Eng.	18			14		
Amme, H.	28			22	21	
McMillan, M.	18			23	17	20
Riley, C. W.				17	18	
Miller, L.	20	20				
Palmer, Al.	21			25	21	24
Munson, H.				15	15	
Lake, Percy	30			20		20

Walker Tegart claims to have the prize apples grown in the Windermere this year and it appears that some of his fruit were among the apples mentioned as on display at Mr. Pitts' store in our last issue, although the reporter was not aware of it at the time.

Rev. Fraser will conduct services every Sunday in Windermere at 11 a. m. Athalmer at 3 p.m. and Wilmer at 8 p. m., excepting the first Sunday in each month, when he holds services at Galena.

Divine service is held every Sunday evening in St. Peter's Church, Windermere, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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